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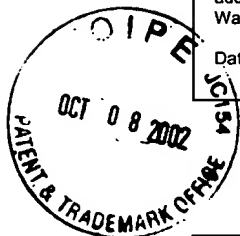
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In re Patent Application of:  
Robert P. Dolan, et al.

Application No.: 09/884,451

Group Art Unit: 2823

Filed: June 19, 2001

Examiner: J. Maldonado

For: SIMOX USING CONTROLLED WATER  
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 8, 2002, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks to establish that the claimed invention distinguishes patentably over the cited art. In addition, Applicants submit the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement to make of record experimental use activities that occurred more than one year prior to the filing of parent Application of the present continuation application.

Although the Office Action does not include any rejection of the present application based on obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,248,642 B1 issued based on Application No. 09/339,633, the parent of the present continuation application, Applicants hereby file a voluntary terminal disclaimer to disclaim any portion of the term of any patent issued based on the present application that may extend beyond the patent term of the U.S. Patent No. 6,248,642.